

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0025] with new paragraph [0025] as follows:

[0025] The window 12 is constructed from a transparent or translucent ballistic material that enables the enforcement personnel using the shield to maintain his head behind the shield, yet still have ability to view an assailant or a crowd to be controlled through such window. The window 12 thus provides a means for viewing through the shield. Preferably, the window is bullet-proof and slash-proof. One possible material for forming the window 12 is LEXAN polycarbonate polymer available from GE Plastics. Alternatively, the window is formed from bullet-proof glass available from First Defense International Group or Paulson Manufacturing Corp.

Please replace paragraph [0027] with new paragraph [0027] as follows:

[0027] The ballistic shield 10 is provided with a handle or forearm cuff 24, which is a means for carrying or holding the shield 10. Referring particularly to FIGs. 2 and 3, the forearm cuff 24 is attached to the rear face of the ballistic shield 10, in a position offset from the centerline of the shield 10. This placement enables the enforcement officer to hold the shield 10 in a protective position (in front of at least a portion of his body) with his arm through the forearm cuff 24 while concurrently engaging a weapon integral with the shield with his hand as further explained below. His other arm and other hand may remain free to hold other weapons or communications equipment or accessories as will be explained in more detail below.

Please replace paragraph [0029] with new paragraph [0029] as follows:

[0029] In the embodiment shown in FIGs. 1 through 6, the shield 10 is provided with multiple integral weapons. First, a firearm 14, such as a taser stun gun, is held so as to be pointed in a direction substantially perpendicular to the front face of the shield 10. In this

configuration, the enforcement officer may hold the firearm handle with the hand on the arm that is not engaged in the forearm cuff **24**. The firearm **14** (taser gun in FIGs. 1-6) is engaged to the ballistic shield **10** with its barrel inserted through an opening formed in the shield **10**. A frame **36** around the opening is attached to the rear face of the ballistic shield **10** and holds the firearm **14** in position. Such frame **36** is a means for mounting the firearm **14** to the shield **10**. The firearm **14** may be discharged to impact a target person/assailant located in front of the enforcement officer using the shield **10** without separating the firearm **14** from the shield **10**.